

Assessment Cycle	Topic/Unit Title – Big Question	Rationale/Skill Development	Link to Assessment Objectives
1	Is the British political system fit for service?	This cycle will focus on the 'Politics and Participation' module of the course, which is assessed in Paper 1 of the examination. In this cycle, students will look at how political power is organised in the UK, by studying; British Constitution, Local and Devolved Government and the Separation of Powers.	Throughout the course, students will be assessed in range of ways, according to the following assessment objectives: AO1: knowledge and understanding.
2	How can change be achieved?	This cycle will focus on the 'Rights and Responsibilities' module of the course, which is assessed in Paper 2 of the examination. This cycle focuses not on how power is organised, but how citizens can engage with and use those systems in order to create political change. Topics covered include: the law, how citizens can get involved with the legal system and human rights.	AO2: the application of knowledge and understanding in context. AO3: analysis and evaluation of evidence.
3	What are our rights and responsibilities as British citizens?	This cycle will focus on the 'Life in Modern Britain' module of the course, which is assessed in Paper 2 of the examination. This cycle focuses on the key institutions and principles of Modern Britain and gets students to reflect on why these are important. Topics include: the Media and the Press, UK's role in International organisations and British identity.	Throughout the course, students will have fortnightly tests on their foundational knowledge (AO1), through tutor-time independent learning tests, while weekly classwork tasks will be assessed in line with all assessment objectives. In Cycle 1, students have a formal assessment, focused on AO1. In Cycle 2, students will complete a Paper 1 Mock Exam. There will be a knowledge-based assessment in Ethos Week, and in Cycle 3, students will complete a Paper 2 Mock Exam.
4	Revision	Most of this cycle will focus on preparation of both knowledge and core skills for the upcoming examination. A range of different activities will be planned to support the long-term retrieval of knowledge and the use of exam technique. After the examination, lessons will focus on applying these citizenship themes to the real world.	